

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-109 are currently pending in this patent application.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-69 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-69 of Application No. 10/205,033. Applicants submit that a Notice of Abandonment dated January 4, 2005 was issued for Application No. 10/205,033 and thus, this provisional rejection is rendered moot.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-75 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-75 of Application No. 10/319,360. Applicants submit that a Notice of Abandonment dated January 4, 2005 was issued for Application No. 10/319,360 and thus, this provisional rejection is rendered moot.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 70-109 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 34-73 of Application No. 10/654,119. Applicants submit that a Preliminary Amendment was filed in Application No. 10/654,119 to cancel claims 34-73 and overcome this provisional rejection.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 76-109 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 63-96 of Application No. 10/654,377. Applicants submit that a Preliminary Amendment was filed in Application No. 10/654,377 to cancel claims 63-96 and overcome this provisional rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 6, 9-11, 18-23, 27, 31-36, 48, 50, 53-57, 60 and 64-75 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-62 of co-pending Application Nos. 10/654,377 and 10/411,311. Further, claims 70-75 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 34-39 of co-pending Application No. 10/319,326. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is timely filed herein relative to Application Nos. 10/654,377; 10/411,311; and 10/319,326 to overcome these provisional rejections.

Applicants submit that claims 1-109 are in condition for allowance and thus, respectfully request re-consideration of these claims.

Very truly yours,



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